

Illinois Early Learning Council
Family and Community Engagement
All Families Served Subcommittee

February 4, 2015 • 12pm– 2pm

Minutes

- Attendance: Leah Pouw, Carie Bires, Dawn Thomas, TeeNeka Jones, Renee Tetrick, Angela Bailey, Vicki Hodges, Madelyn James, Sasha Robey, Jen Epstein, Lannon Broughton, Maralda Davis, Edna Navarro Vidaurre, Debra Flyod, Fiona Anderson, Christine Nicpon, Marianne Pokorny, Janice Moenster, Veronica Mercato, Shauna Ejeh
- Approved minutes from the 11/20/15 AFS Subcommittee meeting
- Work Plan Review
 - The Subcommittee identified four objectives at the last meeting; the current proposal is to focus on objectives 3 and 4 and carry out this work through priority population specific work groups.
 - Objective 3: Increase capacity of AFS membership to develop policy and practice recommendations in regard to the priority populations
 - Objective 4: Recommend policy and/or practice changes to improve services to priority populations
 - The group agreed that objectives 1 and 2 could be incorporated into the others
 - “Template for Strategy Memos by Priority Population” was introduced
 - The purpose of the memo is to provide guidance on making policy solution recommendations and how to match solutions to problems
 - The key elements of the memo were introduced (problem statement, solution/approach, background research, policy recommendation, strategy) and the group was asked for feedback
 - Feedback offered was to add sections on data collection and constraints of the proposed solution
 - Work Groups
 - The Subcommittee will split into work groups to work on memos, which will then be reviewed as a whole by the Subcommittee before being submitted to the Full Early Learning Council
 - Workgroups will meet on their own, draft sections, constantly monitor progress, and receive feedback from the full Subcommittee; agenda will drive the work forward each meeting
 - Work groups will leverage the expertise of the group, and a Google drive will be created to streamline the sharing of information
 - Parent voice emphasized as a priority. COFI will work internally to share with their parents
 - Each work group has the authority to narrow their focus within the priority population however they see fit
 - The group discussed narrowing the problem statement as well as community boundaries to focus research
 - The timeline for developing recommendations via the strategy memo template is open and the Subcommittee will consider approval of recommendations on a rolling basis. Work groups do not have to wait until a comprehensive set of recommendations has been developed to bring a recommendation that is ready forward.
 - Current work groups:
 - Poverty – Angela Bailey (BPI), COFI team, Leah Pouw (IAFC)
 - Linguistically isolated – Christine Nicpon (Latino Policy Forum)
 - Teen parent – TeeNeka Jones (Childcare Network of Evanston), COFI, Christine Nicpon (LPF)
 - DCFS – Sasha Robey (Children’s Home and Aid), Carie Bires (Ounce)
 - Homeless – Fiona Anderson (Heartland Alliance), COFI, Sasha Robey (CH+A), Vicki Hodges (ISBE)

- Children with disabilities – No committee members present volunteered for this group, but Karen Berman (Ounce) and Bob Cammarata (Through a Child's Eyes) were nominated to lead this effort. AFS co-chairs will connect with Karen and Bob on this.
 - FFN – Marianne Pokorny (YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago)
- AFS members who were not present at the meeting can join any work group and should contact the volunteer leader of the work group to join.
- Each group will give a report in May
- Update
 - Update on Preschool Development Grant
 - Update on Innovation Zone expansion
 - Competitive application for PDG communities; 4 of 18 will be selected to receive training, technical assistance and resources
 - Application released in February, Due in March, New IZs announced in April
 - 18 month award for communities to learn about community systems development and sustainable systems change
 - Looking for communities that are ready and able to use community systems development and the lean-start-up framework to address problems
 - Application will be sent to the committee list
 - Modules on CSD will be created to bring components and enhanced services to communities that are not chosen
 - Update on ABLe Change pilot
 - Led by the Consortium of Community Systems Development
 - ABLe is a systems change framework to address population level problems
 - AOK, MIECHV, IZ communities are participating
 - Training will be held for state leadership, train the trainers, and communities
 - Announcements
 - COFI Moms on a Mission – May 6
 - IAFC Spring Into Action – April 21-22
 - Ounce Advocacy Day – April 28
 - Latino Policy Forum Advocacy Day – April 29
 - Partner Plan Act Conference - June 18
- Next Steps
 - May 12, 2015 from 10am-12pm at IAFC, 4753 N Broadway, 12th Floor